



Barnett Development Corporation Photograph Collection (R1411)

Collection Number: R1411

Collection Title: Barnett Development Corporation Photograph Collection

Dates: 1929

Creator: Barnett Development Corporation

Abstract: The Barnett Development Corporation Photograph Collection contains photographs documenting the town of Barnett, Missouri and the surrounding area where the Lake of the Ozarks would be with the completion of the Bagnell Dam on the Osage River. Included are images of the early stages of construction on the river.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder, 17 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri.

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were purchased by the State Historical Society of Missouri from Dale Monaghan on March 12, 2012 (Accession No. RA1557).

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Historical Note:

The Barnett Development Corporation owned land near what would become the Lake of the Ozarks in Morgan County around the town of Barnett. Known as Lake Osage during its construction the land that would eventually become the Lake of the Ozarks included several communities that were forced to relocate. The construction of the Bagnell Dam by the Union Electric Company created the Lake of the Ozarks. The Union Electric Company, headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, constructed the dam, starting on August 8, 1929, and completed in April 1931. Originally called Lake Benton by the Missouri General Assembly, the lake was the largest human-made lake in the United States. The name Lake Benton never caught on and most people referred to the lake by its location in the Ozarks. The lake has since become a major tourist attraction, attracting boaters and fisherman to its shores.

Arrangement:

The collection has been kept in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains seventeen photographs used by the Barnett Development Corporation to show prospective investors that accessibility of the region and its close proximity to streams and the new lake under construction. Most of the photographs were taken and developed by H.H. Kilgore of Eldon, Missouri, for the Barnett Development Corporation.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Photographs, 1929

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Bagnell Dam (Mo.)	1	Yes
Bagnell Dam (Mo.)--History	1	Yes
Barnett (Mo.)	1	Yes
Barnett Development Corporation	1	Yes
Benton County (Mo.)	1	Yes
Camden County (Mo.)	1	Yes
Gladstone Church (Morgan County, Mo.)	1	Yes
Gravois Creek (Morgan County, Mo.)	1	Yes
Hydroelectric generators	1	Yes
Kilgore, H.H.	1	Yes

Index Term	Folder	Image
Miller County (Mo.)	1	Yes
Morgan County (Mo.)	1	Yes
Osage River (Mo.)	1	Yes
Ozarks, Lake of the (Mo.)--History	1	Yes